

JOSEPH SLOPER CANCELLATOR

At the beginning of the year JEFF TURNBULL visited New Zealand where he met up with one of our members down under, IAN HAMILL.

Ian is the proud owner of a "J. Sloper & Co Ltd." **PAID/DATE CANCELLATOR**, often seen on New Zealand Revenues. Ian has the date set to his birth date *1-19-45.

The machine is No. 71737 and a friend of Ian's picked it up a couple of years ago in Mosgiel. It perforates **PAID** and then has rotating date numbers which he can use to perforate stamps if he so wishes. It says, on the machine, that it is model 49 but Ian does not know whether that means there have been 48 previous models.

Jeff took photographs of this machine and gave me computer scanned colour copies. Once again, I am not very happy with the black-and-white photocopies I have been obliged to use but hope the following illustrations give some idea of the shape of the machine and how it is used.

